

REMARKS

On December 31, 2001 the Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement. However, reference AN (JP 7-86492) has been crossed out. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate consideration of this document, which formed part of the art of record in the parent application. A copy of JP 7-86492 with an English translation and Form PTO-1449 are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Claims 49-74 are pending in view of the cancellation of claims 25-48. The Applicants have replaced the pending claims to present a set of claims that are believed to better recite the invention sought to be patented in this continuation application; no admission as to the propriety of any of the outstanding rejections is made.

The Examiner objected to the drawings for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. With regard to the duplicate reference character "2", a substitute formal drawing correcting the inadvertent error accompanies this Reply. However, regarding reference numeral S16 in Figure 8 the Applicants refer the Examiner to the specification at page 32, line 23.

The title has been rewritten to address the objection set forth on page 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 43 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the outstanding objection has been rendered moot, with no admission as to its propriety.

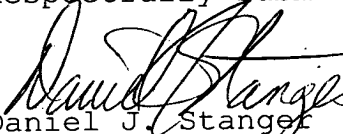
Claims 25-36 and 43-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Further, claims 25-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazaki U.S. Patent No. 6,342,726 (Miyazaki) in view of Carpenter U.S. Patent No. 5,541,448 (Carpenter).

These rejections are also rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 25-48. The Applicants have substituted these claims with new claims 49-74, which are believed to provide a different scope of the invention sought to be patented at this time.

These new claims are in full satisfaction of 35 U.S.C. §112, and patentably define over the prior art in view of the claimed combination in a method of manufacturing a memory module, of steps including mounting a nonvolatile memory semiconductor chip and DRAM semiconductor chips on a module board, wherein the nonvolatile memory semiconductor chip has a lead terminal package, while the DRAM semiconductor chips are provided in a protruded terminal package.

The Applicants' representative requests an office interview with the Examiner at a mutually convenient time. The Applicants' representative requests the Examiner to telephone him at the number below when he has received the file for action.

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